

Clafin University, Orangeburg, S. C.

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CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY, founded in 1869, by the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was established largely through the generosity of Hon. Lee Clafin and family, of Massachusetts.

The institution occupies the original site of the Orangeburg Female Seminary, a tract of six acres, to which has been added sixty-eight acres of adjoining land.

In 1872 the South Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanics Institute for colored students was located at Orangeburg and an experimental farm of 116 acres adjoining the Clafin property was purchased. The two institutions were placed under one management and so remained until 1896, when in obedience to the action of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which declared against the union of Church and State, Clafin separated from the state institution.

Remarkable Growth

The growth of Clafin University has been remarkable. The property is valued at \$277,000. The campus and farms present a very attractive appearance. The main building is Fisk Hall, valued at \$67,000, named in honor of Mr. Everett O. Fisk, of Boston, Mass., who has been for years a generous friend of the institution.

The Manual Training Building

In 1883 the trustees of the John Slater Fund established a manual training department; a large building with equipments, costing \$40,000, was erected, and the fund provides \$5,000 annually for the payment of the salaries of the instructors.

The Library building known as Lee Library, the gift of

Mrs. P. L. Bennett, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., cost \$10,000. It contains a reading and reference room, a stack room, 5,600 bound volumes and 3,600 unbound volumes, with a large list of newspapers, magazines, etc.

The Louise Soules Home for Girls accommodates about one hundred self-boarding girls. It is named after Mrs. Louise Soules, the largest contributor to its erection.

In 1907 the Mary E. Dunton Hall, a three-story brick building, with dormitory accommodations for 250 boys, was erected at a cost of \$35,000. The donors were Mr. Andrew Carnegie,



FISK HALL, MAIN BUILDING, CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY, ORANGEBURG, S. C.

Mr. Everett O. Fisk, Mr. John Harney, and others. It was named in honor of Mrs. Mary E. Dunton, wife of the president of Clafin. Mrs. Dunton has been a teacher in the university since October, 1884.

In 1908 the Tingley Memorial Assembly Hall, costing \$40,000, was erected by Mr. S. H. Tingley in memory of his wife.

The university has special funds amounting to \$16,500. The annual expenses of the school are \$20,000. The annual appropriations of \$5,000 from the Slater Fund, and \$8,500 from the Freedmen's Aid Society, are used exclusively for the payment of